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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Hau V. Phan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>6/29/2004</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 6/29/2004 has been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Risca et al. (2004/0142232) in view of Matsumoto et al. (6,508,414).**

Risca et al. in figures 21A-21B, disclose a windshield washer fluid reservoir tank device for a vehicle comprising a washer fluid reservoir tank (406), which is internally defined with an elongated washer fluid receiving space (404), and is externally formed with a side stepping surface (407) that allows a user to step on the side stepping surface while boarding or alighting from the vehicle. Risca et al. also disclose a plurality

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of posts affixed at one surface of the washer fluid reservoir tank so that they the posts protrude upward in a vertical direction, a plurality of fixing members, which are integrally formed at the posts in a one to one ratio and contacting an inner surface of a vehicle body panel so that they the fixing members are fixed thereto. Risca et al. also disclose a washer fluid feeding pipe (410) protruding upward from an upper side portion of the washer fluid reservoir tank and having a cap to be opened for replenishment of the washer fluid. Risca et al. fail to show a washer fluid supply motor pump which is mounted on a bottom lateral region inside the washer fluid reservoir tank and is adapted to eject the washer fluid toward a windshield of the vehicle through supply hoses.

Matsumoto et al. in figure 1, teach a window washer nozzle, which is mounted on a hood of a vehicle to wash a windshield comprising a washer tank (4), a washer pump (6) and tubes (2, 3). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the windshield washer fluid reservoir tank of Risca et al. with the window washer nozzle having a washer pump as taught by Nakamura et al. in order to pump the washer liquid in the tank to the supply hoses.

Regarding claim 2, Matsumoto et al. teach a windshield washer fluid feeding pipe having a wrinkled portion that is configured to be bent in a desired direction for the fixation of the feeding pipe.

Regarding claim 3, Risca et al. disclose the side stepping surface of the washer fluid reservoir tank, which is formed thereon with a lattice pattern that endows a skid-proof function thereto.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Petrelli discloses a container for the windshield; Vaschetto et al. disclose a vehicle with a reservoir.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hau V. Phan whose telephone number is 571-272-6696. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30AM-4:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Ellis can be reached on 571-272-6914. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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